

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	THESSALONIKI MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Project Number:	2015-0267
Country:	Greece
Project Description:	The operation will finance investments from the medium-term investment programme of the Municipality of Thessaloniki aiming at the urban development and regeneration of the city
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

The promoter will comply with all EU environmental protocols and Annex II of EIA Directive 2011/92/EU in particular, although, given the scale and nature of the various sub-projects, it is unlikely that an EIA would be mandatory in most cases. Nevertheless, the environmental impact of schemes will be studied by the promoter as and when necessary within the context of prevailing planning and environmental regulations, and any mitigation measures that may be required will be considered within the context of the usual authorisations. The Bank will follow this process closely, particularly given the sensitivity of the city's unique archaeological heritage and the need for appropriate conservation measures.

As virtually all schemes will be located in the urban territory of Thessaloniki, it is expected that no protected Natura 2000 sites will be affected by any of the schemes. However, should any scheme have any significant impact on a protected site, the Competent Authority has to provide evidence of the compliance with the Habitats (92/43/EEC) and Birds (2009/147/EC) Directives (Form A/B or equivalent) before the Bank funds are allocated.

The net environmental and social impact of the project is expected to be positive, with improved environment and in particular social conditions for the inhabitants in the Municipality. The project is expected to contribute to climate change mitigation (e.g. energy efficiency in buildings).

The institutional capacity of the promoter to manage the environmental and social issues is deemed acceptable. Given the nature of the operation and the procedures concerning EIA and nature protection put in place by the competent authorities and the capacity of the Promoter, subject to the conditions mentioned above, the Framework Loan is acceptable in environmental and social terms.

<sup>1</sup> Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

## **Environmental and Social Assessment**

### **Environmental Assessment**

Whilst there may be some minor detrimental impact during construction/renovation of certain sub-projects, the net environmental impact of the programme as a whole will be positive. The selected sub-projects are all part of the municipality's medium-term investment programme, reflecting the intent of the city's operational plan, and are explicitly designed to contribute to improving the urban environment. For example: urban neighbourhoods will benefit from environmental improvements such as traffic calming, improved street furniture and landscaping, as part of urban renewal works; improved dwellings and public buildings will have better thermal insulation, which will substantially reduce energy consumption; improvements in community facilities, public spaces and urban services will underpin broader-based socio-economic objectives and promote sustainability.

### **Social Assessment**

No separate social impact assessment has been carried out. It is expected that the social impacts of the project will be overall positive. The quality of residents' everyday life, social relations and routines will increase thanks to improved mobility and improved municipal infrastructure and services.